Dear Harold + Lil,

Hope this holiday season finds you both doing well. Things are fine here. My parents are both doing well, though my mom has had to go on medication for an irregular heart beat. Also, earlier this year, my aunt passed away just three weeks after being diagnosed with brain cancer. We all took it very hard, especially my mom, but all in all she's handled it better than I had expected. I was pretty busy most of the year handling my aunt's estate and the sale of her house; since her son lives in California, I was appointed estate administrator. Luckily, things went fairly smoothly, and everything is pretty much wrapped up now. Of course, with the holidays here, it's kind of depressing without my aunt around, but I guess that's to be expected.

Not much else new. I'm still working at the same hospital, and flying whenever I can. Unfortunately, this was a pretty hectic year all around, so I didn't get to do alot of flying, and obviously didn't make it down to Frederick. I do still plan to fly down there however, hopefully this Spring when the weather gets better. I'll let you know, as I'd really love to at least get together with you both for lunch. Meanwhile, I wish you both a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

May the Beauty of Nature
and the Spirit of the Holiday Season
Remain with You
Throughout the New Year

Merry Christmas -
Love,
Karen

P.S. Mary said to say hi; she & her family are doing well.